

Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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New Resources

[Check out the Wisconsin School Garden Initiative July newsletter!](#)

This issue is chock-full of information about garden camps and filled with great activities for youth.

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Bridging the Gap Wellness Strategies

Bridging the Gap collaborated with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

school districts nationwide, related to seven wellness policy components. They also highlight areas of opportunity for state agencies, school districts, and schools to strengthen wellness policy components. See all seven topic area briefs plus a methods document below.

[Local School Wellness Policies: Where Do They Stand and What Can You Do?](#) [PDF]

[Supporting Quality Physical Education and Physical Activity in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Supporting Recess in Elementary Schools](#) [PDF]

[Creating Supportive School Nutrition Environments](#) [PDF]

[Increasing Access to Drinking Water in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Marketing and Promotion of Foods and Beverages at School](#) [PDF]

[Addressing Weight Status Measurement in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Methods Document for the CDC and Bridging the Gap Local School Wellness Policy Briefs](#) [PDF]

Webinars, Conferences and Events

National Sustainable Agriculture Education Association Conference

August 3-6 – Raleigh, NC

The SAEA conference is the premier forum for the presentation and discussion of the scholarship of teaching and learning in sustainable agriculture education that brings together diverse educators, students, and scholars. In addition to networking with other leaders in sustainable agriculture education across the country, this conference will offer tours to local farms and community gardens, a curricula exchange, and local food, including a traditional North Carolina pig-pickin'. For full schedule or to register, [check out the conference website.](#)

[School Garden Symposium](#)

A School Garden Symposium will be taking place August 19-20 at Treehaven, located between Tomahawk and Rhinelander. The first 20 registrants will get a \$50 discount thanks to a generous donation from Green and Healthy Schools. This is a great opportunity to learn how to support and sustain school gardens.



Students at the Northland Pines Farm to School site in Eagle River have fun trying green smoothies.



Farm to School Funding Opportunities

Fruit Tree 101

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation's "Fruit Tree 101" program creates outdoor edible orchard classrooms at public schools of all levels across the country to provide generations of students with environmental education opportunities and a source of organic fruit for improved school lunch nutrition. Please contact The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation for more information and to apply for this funding: <http://www.ftpf.org/resources.htm> Deadline: Rolling

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize

Deadline September 17, 2014

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is awarded to communities that are working to build a Culture of Health. In 2015, as many as 10 winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their accomplishments celebrated and shared broadly to inspire locally-driven change across the nation.

RWJF wants to hear how your local leaders and community members are creating solutions that give everyone the opportunity for a healthy life. [More details and how to apply >](#)

Farm to School Job Openings

Join the Rock County Farm to School Effort as an AmeriCorps Farm to School Member!

UW-Extension and the Rock County Farm to School Coalition are looking for two part-time AmeriCorps Farm to School members for the 2014-2015 school year to help increase food security and create a happier, healthier community in Rock County. Both AmeriCorps Members will work from the UW-Extension Rock County office in Janesville, Wisconsin. For more information, see the full position descriptions at <http://rock.uwex.edu/farm-to-school/>

BUSD Gardening and Cooking Program – Communication Intern

The BUSD Gardening and Cooking Program (GCP) provides students with hands-on, garden-based education for prekindergarten through seventh grade. The district-wide program is woven into students' educational experiences to ensure the academic, physical, emotional and social development of all students in BUSD. To learn more, please find us at <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/cgp/>. Email jezrathompson@berkeley.net with questions.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County, WI

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County, Rice Lake, Wisconsin is currently recruiting for AmeriCorps members to serve from August 15, 2014 - August 14, 2015. AmeriCorps members will directly support the implementation of the after school and summer programs by developing curriculum and facilitating enrichment programs that promote positive personal development, academic success, healthy lifestyles and community involvement for youth between the ages of 5 and 18 years old. Positions are available in Barron, Cumberland and Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Members will serve in areas including Health, Nutrition, Physical Fitness and Wellness, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Jefferson County – WI Farm to School AmeriCorps Community Outreach Member:

The community outreach member will coordinate activities of the Farm to School task force Eat Here, Eat Well to help share resources and ideas for promoting farm-to-institution practices among participating school districts. He or she will also be responsible for recruiting and mobilizing volunteers to enhance and increase the capacity of Eat Here, Eat Well and the AC F2S program. This will include communications through a variety of media with Eat Here, Eat Well members and potential members, stakeholders, and the greater community; recruiting farmers to present in the schools; organizing farm tours and organizing programming. With the assistance of the site supervisors, he or she will refine and add to a database of volunteers for sustained program efforts.

Applications are due Monday, July 28 for the approximate service beginning date of Friday, Aug 15, 2014. For more information on how to apply, please contact Beth Gehred at beth.gehred@tacrcd.com

Farm to School Media Mentions

[59% of WI schools take part in Farm to School](#) - WXOW.com

Check out this [great video](#) from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation about Food Justice, featuring many of our National Farm to School Network Rockstars such as Dan Carmody, Betti Wiggins and Colleen Matts! Way to go Michigan!

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